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# TECHNICAL NOTES

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## GREENAR INTERMEDIATE WHEATGRASS

Greenar wheatgrass (agropyron intermedium) is an improved strain of intermediate wheatgrass widely used for range seeding in the west. It is best adapted to well drained, fertile soils, 24 inches or deeper, in the 14 to 20 inch rainfall zone. On favorable sites, it will sometimes effectively grow in 12 inch rainfall areas, especially at the higher elevations. Greenar is most effective on Chernozem Prairie and Chestnut soils or a general indication would be wherever irrigated alfalfa would grow. It is a late maturing mild sod-forming grass. In some operations Greenar is used as hay. Under this use only one cutting can be expected from it. In almost all seedings, Greenar will do better than crested wheatgrass for several years, but, in rainfall areas of less than 14 inches, at four to five years of age crested wheatgrass exceeds Greenar in production. Greenar will out-produce smooth brome although it is less palatable. Certified seed plantings are in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

Specific information for the various areas may be obtained from the S.C.S. Plant Materials Centers at Pullman, Washington; Aberdeen, Idaho Pleasanton, California and Extension Agents.



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